

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2006. Claims 1-24 are pending.

In the Action, restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

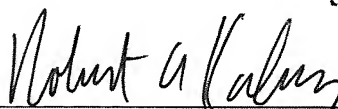
- Group I - claims 1-9 and 21-24 drawn to methods; and
- Group II - claims 10-20 drawn to apparatuses.

Election of Group I including claims 1-9 and 21-24 is made.

Favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions.

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